(d) if so, whether Government are considering to monitor progress of implementation of this scheme by such States;

(e) if so, to what extent these States have improved the position after the above communication; and

(f) what are the other steps Government propose to take to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMi): (a) to (f) The Minister for Human Resource Development had written a letter on 23rd October, 2004 to the Chief Ministers of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab regarding the slow pace of expenditure in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and estimates of out of school children, in their States. All the Chief Ministers have responded and assured that they are committed to proper implementation of the SSA. Expenditure in respect of Jharkhand increased from 9.03% to 33.04%, in Bihar from 3.63% to 37%, in Orissa from 4.34% to 14.04%, in Punjab from 5.99% to 7.26% and in Uttar Pradesh from 24.93% to 45.17%, in a period of two months i.e. by 31.12.2004.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development is monitoring the progress of implementation of SSA in these States on a regular basis.

Kendriya Vidyalayas

2652. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish more Kendriya Vidyalayas or to increase the strength in the existing schools in order to meet the increase in demand for education;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any steps would be taken to start new schools in the rural areas; and

(d) the criteria followed for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Kendriya

Vidyalayas are opened in areas where there are atleast 1000 Central Government employees or Defence Personnel and availability of 200 school going children from this category. Kendriya Vidyalayas can also be opened if sponsored by Central Public Sector Undertakings and are totally funded by them. In addition, the schools require 15 acres of land free of cost and rent free temporary accommodation for school and staff quarters for atleast 50 per cent employees till the school building is completed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Educational institutions in Bihar

2653. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the universities, colleges and schools being run in Bihar;

(b) the number of students enrolled in universities, colleges and schools in the State;

(c) the percentage of passed students in universities, colleges and schools;

(d) the problems afflicting the educational institutions in Bihar; and

(e) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the information available in the Ministry, the number of recognized educational institutions in Bihar (as on 30.08.2002) is given below:-

Universities	11
Deemed University	1
Institutions of National Importance	0
Research Institutions	11
Arts, Science and Commerce Colleges	743
Engineering, Technical and Architecture Colleges	9